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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 7th, 1891.

In his speech at the distribution of prizes at Victoria College the Hon. F. FRANCIS made the remark that the great object of education is to prepare the youth for that career which he will probably have to follow in after life. How to attain this object is the problem which educators have to solve. The Royal Commission on Depression of Trade stated in their report:—"In particular, deficient as compared with some of our foreign competitors; and this remark applies not only to what is usually called technical education, but to the ordinary commercial education which is required in mercantile houses, and especially the knowledge of foreign languages." Since then increased attention has been given in England to the adaptation of education to practical requirements, and a scheme of commercial education has been drafted by the London Chamber of Commerce under which an examination was held for the first time last year. How far the education given in the schools of Hongkong corresponds to the practical requirements of the Colony is a question which deserves more attention

than it seems to receive. So long as the three R's are taught the community appears satisfied to leave the rest to the good sense of the various schools. There is little doubt that healthy public interest and criticism, which have of late years proved so powerful in the promotion of educational progress in other parts of the world.

A suggestion was thrown out a week or two ago for the formation of a School Board in Hongkong. It has been put forward as an answer to the suggestion that such a School Board has already been tried. What is referred to is a committee which existed in the early days of the Colony and which has long since passed out of existence. But the term School Board has come to have a definite meaning peculiar to itself and cannot be correctly applied to any and every school committee. The suggestion now made is, not the revival of the old School Committee, a mere advisory body without any legal status, but the constitution by Ordinance of a representative body with regularly defined powers. We do not believe in the "one man system" in the Education Department any more than in the Public Works Department or any other department of Government. The chief, and in fact the only, difficulty in the way, beyond the natural opposition of conservative officialdom, is that of finding in this busy community men of leisure willing to devote their time to public affairs. In fact, outside the official classes there are no men of leisure in the Colony. The very irregular attendance of the unofficial members of the Sanitary Board at the meetings of that body is an illustration of what we refer to. The difficulty is not sufficiently formidable, however, to preclude the formation of a School Board that could, be deemed desirable. A strong argument in support of the suggestion which has been put forward might be founded on the excellent work done by the old School Committee. It was that body which established education in the Colony on something like a satisfactory basis. Having completed its work of organization it passed out of existence, the carrying on of the system being then left in the able hands of the late Dr. STEWART. The Colony was fortunate in the "one man" to whom the work was committed, but the principle is a pernicious one. Had the old School Committee continued in existence the rate of progress might have been greater than it has been.

The statement in the report of the Acting Head Master of Victoria College as to the character of the work done in that institution suggests that a School Board might be of considerable assistance in determining what subjects should be taught. Mr. MAR says that in accordance with the notification mentioned in the Head Master's report last year, the curriculum of the first class has been somewhat altered. General reading and more grammar and composition lessons were introduced into the time table, and Latin, chemistry, drawing, book-keeping, mensuration, and trigonometry were made optional subjects. It is satisfactory to learn that a great many boys choose book-keeping, but considering that nearly all the pupils who reach the higher classes in the school are destined for a commercial career book-keeping might more appropriately find its place among the compulsory than amongst the optional subjects. Only two boys took drawing. One of the modern theories of education is that, the science ought to concern itself not only with the training of the mind but also of the hand, and for the practical application of this theory it has been recommended that elementary drawing should be made a compulsory subject in all schools. As the first step in almost all branches of technical education, the subject is one of considerable importance, and to find it totally neglected for it has been withdrawn in an institution like Victoria College is, to say the least, disappointing. Victoria College has done and is doing a great work, but we venture to think it is capable of doing still more. In England the Government has in contemplation a measure for the purpose of giving facilities for providing technical instruction in elementary schools after a child has passed the sixth standard, and it is worthy of consideration whether something of the same kind might not be done at Victoria College. This and other questions in connection with education in Hongkong could, we think, be more satisfactorily dealt with by a duly constituted representative body than by the Educational Department as at present constituted.

The German gunboat *Wolf* arrived here yesterday from Nagasaki.

The Post and Money Order Offices will be closed on Monday next. The night box will be left open.

As will be seen from the announcement in another column, the Hon. F. FRANCIS's fancy dress ball will take place at Government House on Tuesday next.

The Portuguese gunboat *San Lima*, Com. Carlos de Magalhães de Gijra, arrived at Singapore on the 26th ult. on her way home to Lisbon.

To-morrow morning, between 8 and 10.30 o'clock, the steam launch *Daylight*, carrying the Bathing Club, will call alongside any vessel holding endorsement to convey passengers to 11 a.m. service at St. Peter's (Seaman's) Church returning about 12.30.

Private Wilson of the A. & B. Highlanders, who was charged with assaulting Indian Constable 636 on the 27th ult. was again brought before Mr. Wollhouse at the Police Court yesterday. Two men belonging to the regiment were called as witnesses for the defence, and stated that at the time the assault occurred the defendant was drinking with them in the canteen. The defendant was discharged.

Frequent complaints were made as to the over-crowding of the Chinese-owned passenger launches plying in the Harbour, and unless some more strict supervision than at present is exercised in respect to them a serious nuisance is certain to occur sooner or later. A gentleman who had occasion to go over to Kowloon Dock the other day informs us that feeling certain the launch was overcrowded he counted the number of passengers on board and found that there were 210. The launch was licensed to carry 115.

Considering that Kowloon is rapidly becoming a thickly populated suburb of Hongkong, the time has surely arrived when some steps should be taken by the Government for lighting the roads there after dark. Of an evening residents who know the locality have the greatest difficulty in finding their way about, while for pedestrians walking "dark paths" the danger is positively dangerous. For the present a few lamps would be sufficient to meet all requirements; the area to be lighted is very small, and any slight expense entailed would be well repaid by the safety thereby.

The Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Co. informs us that the steamer *Nicola* left Bombay for this port on the 24th inst. and is expected to arrive here on the 27th inst. for this port.

The Daily Courant of the 24th ult. stated that until further orders from the Government in Holland to which the matter is referred, foreigners will be allowed to take out entry permits in the East Indies, and the company established in Amsterdam as the West Borneo Gold Mine Company.

The cricket match between the Cricket Club and the Garrison will be commenced at 11 o'clock to-day for India in the Park. It is Admiral Salomon's intention to visit Northern India, especially those places with which he was concerned in the Indian Mutiny. He is accompanied by the Hon. the Victoria Cross. Four of Admiral Salomon's staff officers also leave by the *Pekin*, but they go to England.

The Police Court, which yesterday charged at the Police Court with attempting to steal a diamond ring, valued at \$40, for the second time, was charged at Kowloon Dock. The complainant stated that the defendant, who is also employed at the Dock, met him in the street and asked him for the ring, which he refused to give him. The defendant, who denied the charge, stating that he simply caught hold of the complainant's arm, was committed to the lock-up for 24 hours, and a fine of \$10 to keep the peace.

Recording the arrival at Singapore of Sir Edwin Arnold in the P. & O. steamer *Pekin* on the 27th ult., the *Straits Times* says:—"Sir Edwin Arnold, among other things, was presented on behalf of the King of Siam, to visit that country, but his long stay in Japan precludes him from spending much time in Siam. He is, however, a new epic poem, 'The Light of Asia,' written while in Japan, and intended as a sister poem to 'The Light of Asia,' which was a work of two years ago published by Longmans in London and New York."

The P. & O. steamer *Arnica* has had a narrow escape from disaster. The steamer was to have left at daylight yesterday morning, but was delayed owing to having to take on board a large cargo of goods. The cargo in the hold was so packed that the steamer was unable to leave until late in the afternoon. The cargo was then taken out and the steamer was able to leave at 10 o'clock.

THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT AND THE SIVERO QUESTION.

During the debate on the latter question in the German Reichstag the Government declared that a change in the standard was necessary.

LONDON 28th January.

The United States Attorney-General has filed a motion in the Supreme Court, and maintains that the seizure of the vessel was legal, and that the Washington Court has no power to annul the decision of the Fifth Circuit. The jurisdiction of the latter depends on the extent of the domain of the United States.

THE BEHRRING SEA DIFFICULTY.

Sir James Fergusson has denied that Germany is trying to obtain the concession of a Siaman in the territory to the North of Penang.

THE ANGOLO-PORTUGUESE CONVENTION.

Sir James Fergusson says that recent events render it improbable that the Government will agree to any future convention as far as the Portuguese claims to the south of the Zambezi.

SUPREME COURT.

6th February.

IN SUMMERY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. FIELDING CLARKE, PUISSE JUDGE.

GUTHRIE v. LAU SHEUNG.

This was a claim by plaintiff for \$275 from defendant for non-return of certain articles retained by him to wash.

The wife of the plaintiff was called and said that the articles of the defendant were sent to her in July last. She produced a list made at the time of the missing articles. She had spoken to the defendant about them, and he had refused to return them. The articles were sent to her by the defendant.

The defendant was called and said that the articles were sent to her by the plaintiff. He had spoken to the plaintiff about them, and she had refused to return them. The articles were sent to her by the plaintiff.

The judge found in favour of the plaintiff, and awarded him the sum of \$275, with costs.

THE FOLLOWING ARE EXTRACTS FROM THE REPORT OF MR. C. V. LADD, VETERINARY SURGEON, FOR 1890.

IMPORTATION OF CATTLE, SHEEP, AND SWINE.

In the earlier days of Hongkong it was the custom to import animals brought into the Colony for the purpose of being slaughtered for human food in private establishments. These establishments were situated in the old town, and the animals were slaughtered in the streets. The practice was not only unsanitary, but it was also a nuisance to the public.

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The Government has now taken steps to prevent the importation of animals for slaughter in private establishments. The animals are now slaughtered in the public slaughterhouses, and the blood and offal are disposed of in a sanitary manner.

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The P. M. steamer *City of Peking*, with
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the 11th inst.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
The M. M. steamer *Natal*, with the
French mail, left Singapore at 0.30 a.m. on
the 5th, and is due here on or about the 12th.
This packet brings regular letters despatched
from Hongkong to the other ports.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C. P. steamer *Abyssinia* left Vancouver
on the 27th inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Nesher* left
Singapore on the morning of the 2nd, and is
due here on the 9th inst.

The *Albatross* from California, late

The P. & O. steamer Canton left Hongkong at 6 a.m. on the 6th and is due on the 12th inst.

The P. & O. steamer Siam left Hongkong at 9 a.m. on the 4th inst.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

The Postal Notice for 1899, revised to date, will be found in the *Chronicle* and *Director* p. 760. This is the only authorised copy. Summary of Postal information published in Hongkong.

✉ The authorised List of Mails leaves in connection with this paper is the one published twice each day in our Extra, which is correct to a much later hour than that given below.

For Straits, and Bombay—Per Singapore

day, the 7th inst., at 11.30 A.M.
For Shanghai, Kobe, and Yokohama-
Queen Elizabeth, to-day, the 7th inst.

on. 1.30 A.M.
 7th inst., at 3.30 P.M.
 49 For Katchinotzu.—Per *Edendale*, to-day.
 7th inst., at 3.30 P.M.
 For Singapore, Port Darwin, Thursday L.
 Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Syd-
 Melbourne and Adelaide.—Per *Catterth-*
 day, the 7th inst., at 3.30 P.M.
 For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.—
Haitan, to-day, the 7th inst., at 5.0 P.M.

51 For Bangkok.—Per *Chongfa*, to-morrow
8th inst. at 8.30 A.M.
For Canton.—Per *Powan*, to-morrow, the
inst. at 9.00 A.M.
For Straits and Bombay.—Per *Chaiti*,
Saturday, the 14th inst. at 11.30 A.M.
T. For Yokohama and San Francisco.—
67 *City of Peking*, on Saturday, the 14th inst.
0.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACK

The French Contract Packet *Saphaline* is despatched on THURSDAY, the 12th inst. with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, viz. *Marseilles*; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, &c. to the Australasian Colonies, Pondicherry, Malacca, Calcutta, Aden, Mauritius, Egypt, Malta, & Gibraltar.

The usual hours will be observed in clearing the Mails, &c.

MAILS BY THE GERMAN PACK
The German Contract Packet *Bayern* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 14th inst. with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe and countries beyond via Brindisi; to

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The British Contract Packet *Peshawar* is
despatched on **THURSDAY**, the 19th inst.
with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe
and countries beyond, *via* Brindisi; to
Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Borneo,
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	\$13.....	per case of 1 dozen quarts.
	\$14.....	per case of 2 dozen pints.
3d	PONTET CANET.	
	\$9.50.....	per case of 1 dozen quarts.
	PALMER MARGAUX.	
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